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AMERICAN PASTOR FRED OTTO, REPRESENTATIVE OF LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION IN BERLIN, INFORMED MISSION THAT REV HEINRICH GRUEBER WAS LEAVING BERLIN MAY 11 TO GIVE TESTIMONY AGAINST EICHMANN. OTTO LEARNED OF THIS FROM GRUEBER WHEN ASKED REPLACE GRUEBER AT MUSICAL VESPERS SERVICE SCHEDULED MAY 15 IN EAST BERLIN MARIENKITCH. OTTO UNDERSTANDS GRUEBER INVITED BECAUSE HE PERSONALLY NEGOTIATED WITH EICHMANN REGARDING CONCENTRATION CAMP MATTERS.

GRUEBER WAS CONCENTRATION CAMP VICTIM. FROM OCTOBER 1949 TO OCTOBER 1958 HE WAS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE ALL-GERMAN PROTESTANT ORGANIZATION EKD TO EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS AMONG FEW CHURCH DIGNITARIES INCLUDING NIEMOELLER WHO WERE HONOR GUESTS ACCOMPANYING WALTER ULBRICHT ON REVIEWING STAND DURING DEDICATION SERVICES FORMER NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP AT SACHSENHAUSEN (EAST GERMANY) APRIL 23. OUR DESPATCH 458, FEBRUARY 9, CONTAINS FURTHER INFORMATION RE HIS ATTITUDES TO EAST GERMAN REGIME.

GRUEBER IS WEST BERLIN RESIDENT, PRESUMABLY IS TRAVELING ON FEDREP PASSPORT. HE ARRIVES ISRAEL MAY 12.

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